



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 05899-00013-US																									
Application Number 09/914006-Conf. #7184		Filed January 7, 2002																									
For METHOD FOR MICROBially PRODUCING L-VALINE																											
Art Unit 1632		Examiner C. Fronda																									
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004 in the above identified application. The response with a two month extension of time was originally due on September 5, 2004. September 5, 2004 was a Sunday. Monday September 6, 2004 was a holiday (Labor Day), when the Patent and Trademark Office was closed. This petition is timely filed on September 7, 2004, the next succeeding day the Patent and Trademark Office is open for business.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Fee</th><th>Small Entity Fee</th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td>\$110.00</td><td>\$55.00</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td>\$420.00</td><td>\$210.00</td><td>\$ 420.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td>\$950.00</td><td>\$475.00</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td>\$1,480.00</td><td>\$740.00</td><td>\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td>\$2,010.00</td><td>\$1,005.00</td><td>\$</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-2775 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 33,712</p> <p><u>Liza D. Hohenschutz</u> <u>September 7, 2004</u> Signature Date</p> <p><u>Liza D. Hohenschutz</u> <u>(302) 658-9141</u> Typed or printed name Telephone Number</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 forms are submitted.</p>					Fee	Small Entity Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00	\$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$420.00	\$210.00	\$ 420.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$950.00	\$475.00	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,480.00	\$740.00	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00	\$
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